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7 SEPTEMBER 1983**HIP-H ASSAULT HELICOPTERS**
IGNACIO AGRAMONTE AIRFIELD, CUBA (SWN)

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** THE PRESENCE OF A SQUADRON OF HIP-H (MI-17) ASSAULT HELICOPTERS AT IGNACIO AGRAMONTE AIRFIELD IN CUBA HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** A TOTAL OF 10 ARMED HIP-H ASSAULT HELICOPTERS WAS IDENTIFIED AT THE AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA [REDACTED] ONE HELICOPTER HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONFIRMED AS A HIP-H ON PARTIAL COVERAGE OF THIS AIRFIELD [REDACTED] THE HELICOPTERS ARRIVED AT THE AIRFIELD IN SHIPPING CONTAINERS IN LATE MARCH. ASSEMBLY OF THE HELICOPTERS HAD APPARENTLY BEEN COMPLETED [REDACTED] WHEN 10 HIP WERE SEEN AT THE AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA. (SWN)

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IGNACIO AGRAMONTE AIRFIELD, 2.5 NM NORTHEAST OF THE CITY OF CAMAGUEY, HAS PRIMARILY SUPPORTED CIVIL AIR OPERATIONS WITH PERIODIC DEPLOYMENTS OF TACTICAL MILITARY AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, RECENT IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF HELICOPTER HARDSTANDS, SUGGESTS THAT THE HIP-H SQUADRON IS PROBABLY TO BE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THIS AIRFIELD. THIS SQUADRON OF HIGH PERFORMANCE AND HEAVILY ARMED HELICOPTERS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES CUBA'S AIR ASSAULT CAPABILITIES. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 21-25-09N 077-51-01W (S)

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